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APHIA^{plus} Nuru ya Bonde: An overview

Key features of the project

- Working with and through local partners, both the Government of Kenya and civil society.
- Service delivery focus.
- Increased emphasis on sustainability and integration of services.
- Country led, managed and owned programs.
- Addressing social determinants of health.

APHIA^{plus} Nuru ya Bonde (Rift Valley) is five-year project funded by USAID that aims to improve access to health services in five counties in Rift Valley region of Kenya.

The objectives of APHIA^{plus} Nuru ya Bonde include supporting health facilities to deliver quality services and enabling communities to play a bigger role in identifying and solving health problems.

APHIA^{plus} Nuru ya Bonde works within government priorities to support public and private health facilities to deliver quality services.

Overarching strategy

The key strategic principles of sustainability and whole-market engagement in APHIA^{plus} reflect the need to involve as many local actors as possible in a broadened, deepened response. The project goes beyond strengthening health facilities to address more systemic challenges and underlying factors that inhibit healthy behaviours and uptake of quality services.

Key result areas

1. **Ensuring increased use of quality health services, products and information** by focusing on building Kenya's capacity to deliver quality, high-impact and integrated services in communities and facilities within the government set-up.
2. **Addressing social determinants of health** to improve the well-being of targeted communities and populations. The factors — including poverty, food insecurity, alcohol abuse, and sexual and gender-based violence — can negatively affect people's health and wellbeing by creating barriers to accessing and using health services and engaging in healthy behaviors.

To achieve its objectives, APHIA^{plus} Nuru ya Bonde project is organized around the following five strategic areas:

- **Community Strategy:** The overall goal of the community strategy is to enhance community access to health care in order to improve individual productivity and health while reducing poverty, hunger, child and maternal deaths. The objectives of the strategy include:
 - Proving community-level services for people of all age groups.
 - Building the capacity of community health workers to provide community-level services.
 - Strengthening health facility-community linkages through effective decentralization and partnership for the implementation of community level services.
 - Strengthening communities to progressively realize their rights to access quality care and seek accountability from facility-based health services.
 - Through this strategy, APHIA^{plus} engages communities in promoting healthy behaviours. This includes interventions to improve home and community based

care for people living with HIV and their families and to support orphans and vulnerable children. Community health interventions also address the social determinants of health such as access to economic opportunities, education, food security, gender and inequity. The project works closely with civil society organizations, including community based groups at the grassroots.

- **Clinical Services:** APHIAplus aims to strengthen health facilities at the district level and below to provide better quality health care. The project works through district health stakeholders' forums, facility management teams and other government structures. Interventions are aligned to provincial and district health plans. Emphasis is being put on improving the quality of HIV and AIDS care and treatment, tuberculosis, malaria, and maternal newborn and child health services.
- **Health Communication:** Interventions in this component are designed to increase demand for health services by educating individuals, households and local leaders so that they can play their roles more effectively.
- **Monitoring & Evaluation:** APHIAplus supports the Government of Kenya to generate quality data and information for decision-making. This is done by designing effective ways to collect and analyse data to improve health services.

APHIAplus is also implementing innovative strategies tailor-made to promote HIV prevention and meet other health needs of youth, women and other underserved groups.

The project also addresses security and social protection of marginalised groups.

Key features of the project

- Working with and through local partners, both the Government of Kenya and civil society.
- Supporting the Ministries of Health to improve and expand quality facility based HIV and AIDS, reproductive health and family planning, tuberculosis, malaria and maternal and child health (MCH) services in both public and private sector.
- Improving and expanded civil society activities to increase healthy behaviors
- Improving and expanding support for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Reducing stigma and establishment of safety nets for people living with HIV and their families.

Service delivery focus

- Targets populations from all age groups.
- Regional focus with strong linkage to national level technical assistance projects for training, infrastructure, staffing and leadership.

- Includes newborn child health, maternal health and the older population.
- Investment in interventions better aligned with disease burden.

Increased emphasis on sustainability and integration of services

- Country-led, managed and owned programs.
- Work plans are derived from the government's annual planning processes and strategies.
- Building Kenyan capacity to deliver high quality, high impact and integrated services through a client-centred approach.

Addressing social determinants of health

- Ensure marginalized poor and underserved populations have increased access to economic security initiatives.
- Address issues of food security and nutrition for vulnerable populations.
- Address issues of social protection.

APHIAplus Nuru ya Bonde is a highly decentralised program with the head office in Nakuru and regional offices in Narok, Baringo, Nanyuki and Ngong.

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The APHIAplus Rift Valley Project is implemented by FHI 360 together with partners that include African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF), Liverpool VCT, Care and Treatment (LVCT), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), National Organization for Peer Educators (NOPE) and Gold Star Kenya. The project runs until December 2015.



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